

## **Milligan's sesquicentennial celebration continues at Homecoming, Oct. 21-23**

MILLIGAN COLLEGE, Tenn. (Oct. 11, 2016) – Milligan College will continue a special sesquicentennial celebration during the college's Homecoming weekend, Oct. 21-23.

Alumni and friends can look forward to events including the Sesquicentennial Gala, an original theatrical performance of Milligan's 150-year history, art exhibitions and the annual parade. The weekend will conclude on Sunday with a special worship service.

"This Homecoming is the pinnacle of Milligan's historic sesquicentennial celebration that kicked off at last year's Homecoming," said Theresa Garbe, director of alumni relations. "We are pulling out all the stops this year and expect between 750-800 guests for this incredible, fun-filled weekend."

On Friday night, the Sesquicentennial Gala will include a stroll through Milligan's 150-year history in story and song. Additionally, retired faculty Drs. Lee and Pat Magness will be recognized as Milligan's 2016 Distinguished Alumni, and former First Lady Clarinda Jeanes will receive the Hardin "Spirit of Milligan" Award.

After the Gala, the men's soccer team will play Hiwassee College at 8:30 p.m. at Anglin Field.

"Forward with Faith: The Milligan College Story," an original play written and directed by Milligan alumna Rosemarie Shields ('59), celebrates 150 years of Milligan history from its early days as the Buffalo Male and Female Institute to its current status as a nationally-recognized Christian liberal arts college. Show times are Oct. 20 and 22, 7:30 p.m., and Oct. 23, 2:30 p.m., in Milligan's McGlothlin-Street Theatre located in the Gregory Center. All seats are \$5 at the Milligan Bookstore, 423.461.8733.

Saturday morning will begin with the annual Milligan Buffalo 5K/2.5K Walk hosted by the Associated Ladies for Milligan. The race starts at 8 a.m. at the Steve Lacy Fieldhouse, and all proceeds will benefit student scholarships.

A photography exhibition titled "And Who Is My Neighbor?" by alumnus Joel Carillet (Milligan '96, Emmanuel '99) will open at 11 a.m. on Saturday in the Milligan Art Gallery located in Derthick Hall and run through Nov. 20. Inspired by the parable of the Good Samaritan, Carillet shows people, landscapes and current events across multiple countries.

The annual Homecoming parade will make its way down Blowers Boulevard at 2 p.m. and lead into the festival on Derthick lawn from 2:30-4:30 p.m., which includes kettle corn and inflatables for kids of all ages.

A short, family-friendly concert titled "And All That Jazz" will take place in Milligan's Mary B. Martin Auditorium located in Seeger Chapel at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday. The concert showcases a variety of great jazz hits and features the Milligan Concert Choir, Women's Chorale, Heritage, Heard Mentality, Jazz Ensemble and the Milligan Orchestra.

Saturday night will close with a fireworks display on Anglin Field. Milligan's Homecoming celebration will conclude on Sunday with a special worship service at 9:30 a.m. in the college's Mary B. Martin Auditorium located in Seeger Chapel.

The gala, meals, theatre performances and the walk/run are ticketed events. All other events are free and open to the public. For more information and a complete schedule for Homecoming 2016 or to register online, visit [www.milligan.edu/homecoming](http://www.milligan.edu/homecoming), or call the Alumni Office at 423.461.8718.

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